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1. During December 1950 four new buildings, each 40 m. by 100 m., were completed at the Vehicle Repair Shop of Debrecen, National Concern (Debreceni Jarmu javito, N. Y.). Machinery for the new buildings did not arrive until the middle of summer 1951 while full production, pending the arrival of workers, did not begin until the second half of September 1951.
2. The engineers and workers for the new shops were recruited from other plants, located in various parts of Hungary. Upon their arrival in Debrecen, they were all housed in the Chocolate Factory, situated along the Debrecen-Nyiregyhaza railroad line.
3. On 15 September 1951, all new employees were medically examined and were given Russian style blouses to wear. They were addressed by a Hungarian colonel who warned them that henceforth they were subject to military discipline. He also remarked that they would have to march in military formations to and from work.
4. The new shops are engaged in assembling, what appear to be, 55-ton T-34 tanks, for which the component parts come from other factories. When assembled, the tanks are loaded on flat cars at night and dispatched to Diosgyor where they are outfitted with armaments. The daily output of the shops is 8 tanks.
5. The finished tanks bear letterings which are unintelligible to the engineers as well as to the workers, and are presumably Chinese characters.

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